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Via Electronic Filing

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: MM Docket No. 99-325

Presentation of National Public Radio, Inc.

Ex Parte Notice

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to Section 1.1200, <u>et seq.</u>, of the Commission's Rules, National Public Radio, Inc. ("NPR") hereby notifies the Commission of the following *ex parte* presentation in the above-referenced proceeding.

On Wednesday, June 28, 2006, Kevin Klose, NPR President and CEO, Mike Riksen, NPR Vice President for Government Relations, and the undersigned met with Commissioner McDowell and Cristina Chou Pauzé, Acting Legal Advisor to Commissioner McDowell for media issues, to discuss the progress of NPR stations in converting to digital operation, the importance of multicasting to public radio's public service mission, and the need for the Commission to authorize multicasting as a routine part of digital radio operations as soon as possible. During the meeting, we provided copies of the attached, as well as NPR's formal comments and reply comments in response to the Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and the March 8, 2005 Public Notice regarding multicasting in the above-referenced proceeding.

Please direct any questions you may have to the undersigned at 202-513-2050.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Lewis /s/

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